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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM:

Acting Director of Security

SUBJECT: NFIB Meeting, 25 September--the APEX System REFERENCE: Draft Memorandum for DD/NFAC from
Chief, Requirements and Evaluation
Staff, NFAC, TCS-891868/79,
same Subject

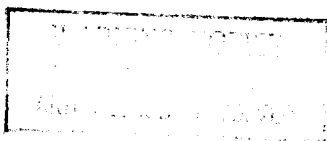
1. Action Requested: None, this is for your information only, giving the Office of Security's position on APEX proposal which is being discussed at the 25 September 1979 meeting of NFIB.

2. Background:

*This Office long has recognized the Community problems (too many cleared people, too much compartmented material) with the current compartmentation systems and has supported efforts over the years to address and adopt resolutions to them.

*There is a need for a strong DCI position implementing the E.O. 12065 call for revision of compartmentation programs as related to sources and methods. The APEX proposal seems to answer that need in the best form seen to date.

*The APEX proposal appears to be an honest effort to provide the producer and the consumer with voices in establishing rules of compartmentation and in determining what should be compartmented. This is most desirable and should go far in resolution of a historical problem that places



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